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In re the Application of: **Sadao KADOKURA et al.**

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Examiner: **Rodney Glenn McDonald**

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AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING COMPOUND THIN FILM**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2006, Applicants submit the following remarks, which begin on page 2 of this paper.